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PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Applicant:** Michael R May  
**Serial No:** 09/716,731  
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**Title:** METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENABLING A STAND ALONE INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

**Examiner:** Luu, An T  
**Art Group:** 2816  
**Docket No:** SIG 000050

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Date: 3/4/03

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks,  
Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to an Office Action mailed on 12/10/00 regarding the above-captioned patent application, the applicant respectfully submits the following amendment and response.

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**CLEAN VERSION OF REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPH/SECTION/CLAIM**

No changes to the claims or to the specification are being submitted with this response.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

1. In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-5, and 9 under 35 USC § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Ciccone (U.S. Patent No. 5,917,255). In addition, the Examiner objected to claims 6-8 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner has allowed claims 10 - 22. These rejections and objections have been traversed and, as such, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the allowability of claims 1 - 9.